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## USDA to Survey Illinois Farm Chemical Use and Production Costs

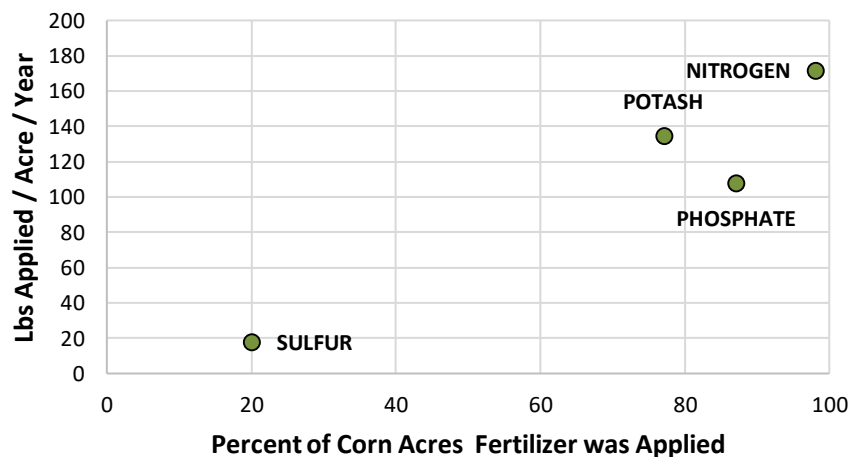
Springfield, Illinois – September 2021 – The U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) will gather information about production practices from producers across Illinois, as part of the 2021 Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS).

"ARMS is a vital survey that tracks how Illinois farms use technology to manage production of their major field crops," said NASS Illinois State Statistician Mark Schleusener. "The results of this survey help policymakers and farm groups understand the factors driving the costs and returns of crop production."

This year, NASS is reaching out to survey cotton, corn, and rice producers across the country. NASS will conduct the survey starting in October and recommends that farmers have their fertilizer and pesticide spray records available to speed up the survey process. A NASS representative will call producers to set up an interview to assist in the completion of the questionnaire.

The ARMS survey is conducted in three phases, from May 2021 through April 2022. The first phase screened participants to make sure they have the commodity of interest and would accurately represent the U.S. farm sector. In this current phase, NASS is collecting information on production practices. In the final phase, NASS will survey producers on cost of production, farm income, and production expenditures.

### Illinois Fertilizer Application to Corn, 2018



NASS safeguards the privacy of all respondents. The information provided will be used for statistical purposes only. In accordance with federal law, survey responses will be kept confidential and will not be published in identifiable form.

ARMS is a joint effort of NASS, USDA's Economic Research Service, and the Office of Pest Management Policy. For more information about the Agricultural Resource Management Survey, visit [nass.usda.gov/go/arms](https://nass.usda.gov/go/arms). Survey results and all NASS reports are available online at [nass.usda.gov/Publications](https://nass.usda.gov/Publications). For more information, contact the NASS Heartland Regional Field Office at 800-551-1014 or at [nassrfohlr@usda.gov](mailto:nassrfohlr@usda.gov).

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